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## United Church W.A.

Mrs. N. McMillan was hostess to the United Church W. A. last Thursday evening in her home. There were 18 members and one visitor present.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Pugh, Vice-president Mrs. H. P. Herd occupied the chair and opened the meeting with a prayer, repeating creed and singing of them song.

Mrs. M. Bolinger read the devotional which proved very interesting. The topic being Highways and Road Signs.

Mrs. Shupe gave a paper on the study book Face to Face With India, and Mrs. M. W. Bolinger will give a paper on the next chapter of this study book at the next meeting. This meeting, Oct. 6th, will be held at the home of Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Shupe and Mrs. Fraser will be co-hostesses.

Considerable business was dealt with and arrangements were made for a September bazaar. This sale will take place on September 24 and the place will later be announced.

The travelling basket is still going around as there are a number of members who have not had the pleasure of donating their bit.

Mrs. M. W. Bolinger will give the paper on the study book and Mrs. R. W. Brown will give the devotional at the October meeting.

A few white elephants were handed in and also the talent money is coming in.

After the meeting was adjourned a pleasant time was spent visiting over a tasty lunch.



**SEEDTIME and HARVEST**  
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## HARVEST FOR "TOP QUALITY" GRAIN

High quality is the key that will enable Canada to maintain its present enviable position in the grain markets of the world. There is still a need and a demand for top quality wheat, and other grains. With good crops in prospect, it is more important than ever this year for western farmers to avoid losses in grain quality and yield through the use of faulty and careless harvesting methods.

**Time of Harvesting.** It is a well established fact that the cutting of grain before it is ripe means a sacrifice of both yield and quality. Just because the combine is ready to go, is no reason why any farmer should "beat the gun" and start harvesting before the grain crops are fully mature. It should be remembered that, according to government grain-grading regulations, No. 1 Northern wheat will be graded No. 2 Northern if it carries more than 1 per cent of green kernels.

**Avoid Harvest Losses.** A high-grade standing grain crop can be ruined by the use of faulty or careless harvesting methods. Inefficient or improper combining or threshing can be, and very often is, responsible for reducing the quality (the grade) of many grain crops. In most areas of Western Canada, field stands of all cereal crops are good this year. If the proper care is taken in harvesting them they should produce "top quality" grain. Splitting of wheat, peeling and breaking of barley, and cracking of flaxseed can be eliminated almost completely if farmers and combine operators will only take the time and the care to see to it that their combines or threshing machines are properly adjusted for "quality" grain production. Slow cylinder speeds, an-keeping cylinder, concaves, sieve and wind properly adjusted at all times will result in the minimum amount of kernel damage.

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Governments obtain an average of \$431 a year from each Canadian, or an average of \$1,724 from a family of four.

Quaker City's first street light burned 24 hours.



In more ways than one, the platter Babs Brown is holding reflects the culture of ancient Mexico, for it contains music of 1,500 or more years ago, played in the actual flutes, drums and rattles seen in the drawing. In Mexico City recently scholars were set on their ears when a young musician Samuel Marti announced his discovery that Mexico had rich pre-conqueror music centuries before the

## HERE AND THERE

Mrs. M. Farquharson of Calgary has been in the district for the past few days visiting relatives and friends.

Dick Haskayne and Jimmy Brown left Tuesday for the United States for a few days holidays. Their friends say the boys have gone to Las Vegas, Nev., and have a scheme to beat the gaming machines there. Also while in Nevada will inquire into the costs of a divorce.

School opened Tuesday and what a thrilling day it was for the many beginners. Monday was a busy day at the school bus depot where buses were being washed and given a general cleanup in preparation for work beginning Tuesday morning.

Mrs. A. Bain and sons left Saturday for Turner Valley where they will in future reside. Mrs. Bain will teach out of Turner Valley this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McBean and daughter Euphemia and her husband spent a day last week in town visiting friends. The visitors were former residents of the district and now live at the Pacific Coast.

Don Farquharson was down from Calgary during the past week looking after his farm interests in Gleichen and Queenstown districts.

Gleichen baseball club entered the Gleichen tournament held in Brooks Sunday and Monday. They played Sunday and were defeated 4-2. There were quite a few local fans present to witness the game.

There was no rest for the boys who are implement agents during the recent holidays. Since all farmers are very busy harvesting the implement agencies had to be on the job handing out repair parts for harvesting machinery. Some agencies remained open until almost midnight.

Given more fine weather like we have been having harvesting will be finished in another week or so. Most farmers are working night and day and a lot of the work is now straight combining.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and son of Lethbridge spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook.

Nearly 3,700,000 persons, about one Canadian in four, receive salaries, pensions, allowances or other monthly payments from the federal government, amounting to a total payment of about \$5,000,000 a day.

Alberta's Jubilee birthday was a very quiet day in town. Some of the boys celebrated the occasion by getting no a small bang.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Haskayne returned from a couple of weeks holiday at the coast last week.

While there they saw many Gleichen people who now live there. Among those they saw was Alex Lewis who was recently appointed general manager of the Thrift Stores Limited. Mr. Lewis started in the retail business in Gleichen when he was a young man going from here to Winnipeg.

## CONTROLLING CURRENCY

Ever since paper money was first invented men have been intrigued by the possibilities it offered of acquiring wealth without earning it. The temptation to use it for that purpose has always been present. The one thing that prevented this abuse of a useful instrument was the gold standard, which required that paper money be redeemed in gold, by those who issued it, on demand of the bearer. This set definite limits to the amount of such paper that could be issued. The chartered banks were allowed to issue this kind of money; but were required to keep enough gold on hand, at all times, to redeem as much of their paper as the public was likely to present for redemption. And it was the duty of the government to see that they lived up to the requirements of the law.

The gold standard was always a worn in the flesh of those who would tamper with the currency. When Canada abandoned that standard, and established a central bank to manage the country's currency, the privilege of issuing paper money was withdrawn from the chartered banks, and was vested exclusively in the Bank of Canada. The people were assured at the time there would be no danger of too much unbacked paper money being issued because the government bank could have no profit motive for making such issues. But time has shown that governments do have temptations to which they are prone to yield.

The root and cause of the trouble is that the government has power to issue unbacked paper currency in any quantity, and there is no one in authority to prevent it doing so. In the old days the banks issued the money, the gold standard determined the amount that could be issued, and the government watched to see that such amount was not exceeded. Today the government itself issues the currency through the Bank of Canada, there is no gold standard to set the limits to the issues, and there is no one whose duty it is to call a halt when the issues are becoming excessive.

The first person to attempt the ride over Niagara Falls was a woman, Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor. In 1901 she made the drop in a barrel with an anvil for ballast, and survived.

Every summer over Canada's east coast the International Ice Patrol uses planes and ships to trace the movements of ice bergs brought down from the Arctic by Labrador Current to threaten Atlantic shipping lanes.

Saint John, N.B. is Canada's oldest incorporated city.

## Health of School Children

(Communicated)

Because it is generally recognized that ill-health is largely the result of mistakes which could have been avoided had there been fuller knowledge and greater care, this article is designed to look into the place of health education and practice in the school. It is at school that for the first time every child's health can be assessed, and deficiencies corrected. There, if anywhere, is our golden opportunity for constructive work in building a healthier Canada.

Life has become safer for children, but it is hardly correct to refer to the death rate in this and that disease as having dropped or declined. It was pushed down under the feet of advancing science the outstanding victories achieved by medical research men, and the active co-operation of parents and schools.

Our improved standards of living, too, have taken as their chief beneficiary the infant and the child. This year's baby will have more baths in his first twelve months than Frederick the Great had in all his life.

The aims of health education should be practical; to bring about correct bodily development through physical activities such as games, corrective exercises and dances; to make physical constitution strong or through development of sanitary and health habits; to detect, and thus take the first steps toward preventing or stopping physical upsets such as are caused by dental defects, eye, heart and stomach disturbances.

It is said by qualified authorities that school health service should place its main emphasis on positive action rather than upon the construction of charts and tabulations. At the same time, the tabulation arising out of regular medical examination is needed to find out defects are threatened. These records frequently reveal changes in health factors which enable problems to be tackled in time to prevent lasting trouble.

There are many differences between children, due to race, family habits, and conditions of living. The test is: does the child progress? If records of physical examinations show a halted or stumbling progress, then the child cannot be looked upon as a satisfactory example of good health.

The condition of the teeth of our children is bad. Surveys show that more than 95 percent of the children reaching 15 have already experienced decay in their permanent teeth. If children are fed meals that contain sufficient milk, fruit, vegetables, eggs and meat, they will have much less dental decay. From there onward children should have their teeth checked every six months. Cleaning is important too. It is

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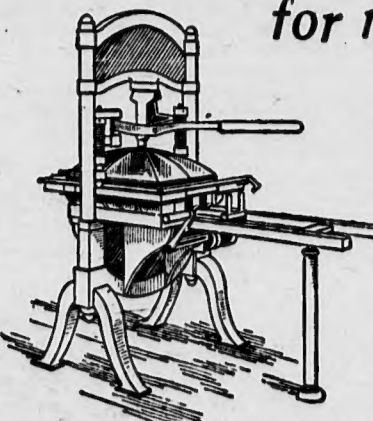
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## Colonial 'cop' travels 2,500 miles to learn from RCMP

OTTAWA.—A British island colony in the West Indies has sent a Negro police sergeant more than 2,500 miles to Ottawa to learn crime detection and horsemanship from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Canadian Press story reveals.

Sgt. Fitzherbert Bancroft, senior non-commissioned officer for the mounted branch of the Barbados police force, is taking a six-month training course at the RCMP's Rockcliffe barracks. He says he was sent to Canada because training methods used by the RCMP are rated as tops throughout the Commonwealth.

Main part of Sgt. Bancroft's training will be horsemanship, a specialty of Canada's federal police force. He hopes to help improve the horsemanship of members of his country's mounted police.

During his period of training here Sgt. Bancroft will take the equitation course received by all members of the RCMP who participate in the force's famed musical ride. He also will study the methods used by Canadian Mounties to train horses.

Unarmed police  
Sgt. Bancroft says the Barbados mounted force maintains 23 mounted men on duty at all times. This unit forms part of the 512-man Barbados police force, the sole law enforcement agency on the island. "All in all," he says, "we work in much the same way as the mounties do here."

The force uses horses the most to patrol the huge sugar plantations on the island. They operate from 17 stations, many of them in out-of-the-way areas.

The Barbados policeman is unarmed like the British "bobby." "In fact," says Sgt. Bancroft, "as far as laws are concerned we are quite often referred to as Little England."

Recruits for the force must meet requirements similar to those

of the RCMP. They must be between 19 and 25 years of age and take an initial six-month training course.

The mounted force each year performs a musical ride somewhat similar to that staged from time to time by the RCMP. The unit also maintains a brass band.

## 300-Year-old body of Indian elder found

SAINT JOHN, N.B.—The 300-year-old body of an Indian elder has been found here by Archaeologist J. Russell Harper of the New Brunswick Museum, reports Canadian Press.

The body was located at the site of what is believed to be a fort built by French governor Charles LaTour in 1631 and had been buried under tons of rock and earth.

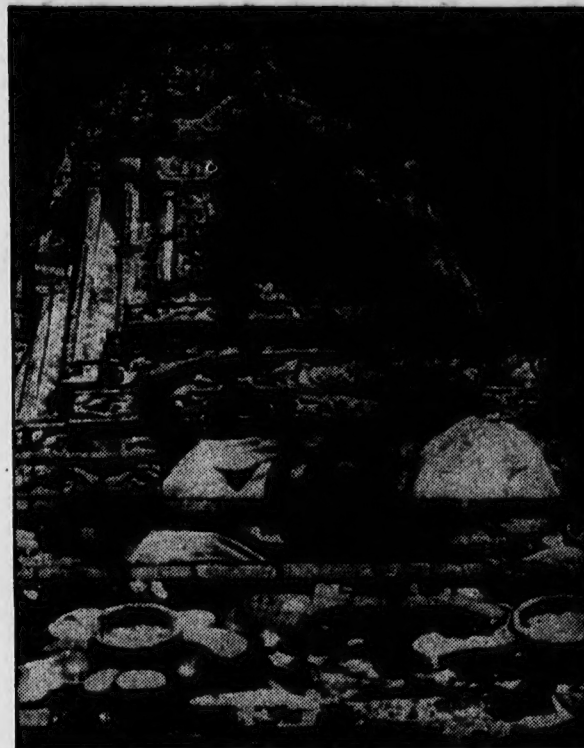
The unexpected find spurred excavations in the north end of the city as a small group of archaeologists continue their search for a page of early Canadian History.

The Indian grave and its dozens of symbolic decorations are the most significant finds to date. The historians' belief that the French had fortified the site was heightened by discovery of part of a stone wall, several cannon balls and pieces of Venetian glass bottles.

Think grave was moved  
Mr. Harper says it is probable that the Indian may have been buried originally on the north shore of New Brunswick and moved here during one of the frequent migrations to the mouth of the St. John River.

More than 200 multi-colored glass beads, five wooden-handled knives, an ornate pipe carved from bone, an intricate copper chain and a small roll of copper wire were found in the grave.

Mr. Harper says the gravesite was part of an Indian encampment which must have been near a French settlement because of a dagger, shot mould and awls found near the body.



**LIVING SYMBOL**—Young monk, lower centre, bears striking resemblance to the Buddha whose faith he professes, as he peers from a setback on the tiered roof of the largest pagoda in Bangkok, Thailand. Two fellow monks, above him, bask in the sun during a break in their meditations.

## First memorial to Lord Selkirk

WINNIPEG.—The first marked memorial to Lord Selkirk, the energetic Scotsman who brought the first white settlers to the Red river valley in 1812, is to be built in downtown Winnipeg.

The federal historic sites and monument board has commissioned Professor Roy Sellers, University of Manitoba architect, to design a monument to Manitoba's founder. Construction will start within two weeks and the unveiling ceremony will be held Sept. 27. The memorial will consist of a stone wall 25 feet long and about three feet high. It will be mounted with a 30-foot flagpole and contain a bronze marker.

A statue of Lord Selkirk stands on the east side of the legislative building but the figure is not identified.

Lord Selkirk—Thomas Douglas—brought Scottish settlers to the Red river valley after obtaining from the Hudson's Bay Company 116,000 square miles of land for a colony. The first settlement was destroyed and 21 settlers killed by agents of the North-West Trading Company of Montreal in the massacre at Seven Oaks in 1816. Brokenhearted, Lord Selkirk died in France four years later. The land was returned to the HBC in 1835.

Lord Selkirk's memory has been revered since by the Lord Selkirk Association, first formed in 1912 during centenary celebrations.

## Diabetic child better off eat normally

A diabetic child is better off eating normally than on a restricted diet. That is the view of a Swiss medical scientist. Before 1946, the doctor kept his young patients on a light diet consisting chiefly of fruits and vegetables and containing very little meat. Since then, he has allowed them to eat much the same food as other people do provided that they avoid overeating and nibbling between meals. The results have been excellent.

The doctor reports that none of the children has had to undergo hospital treatment since 1946. Their growth has been much better than it was when they were on the restricted diet. And most of his patients needed no more insulin than they did before.

Allowing them to eat normally has also been most successful in improving their state of mind. Hunger, nibbling, and anxiety about the nibbling are eliminated. The patient grows in self-confidence. And as a result, the doctor states, the diet "changes a sick person to an almost healthy one who finds his way in life much better than before."

It is estimated that 28 percent of all accidents happen to the leg and foot.

## Strictly Fresh

British firm tells the International Atomic Conference at Geneva it will sell atomic reactors for about \$210,000 each. American firm says its models will go on sale for about \$200,000. Fission for business?

Paper in Manila, the Philippines, suggests that space stations may someday be big enough to accommodate all singers of the wall-and-weep-school. We're waiting for the day when the scientists will be able to ship 'em off on one-way rockets.

Nine little Chester White pigs at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo got sunburned on one of the recent



sizzling days. Attendants spread 'em with sunburn lotion. Everyone to his taste. We like our ham with catsup.

A Memphis, Tenn., housewife brought home a modernistic new lampshade and sprang it without warning on her poor husband, trying to read his evening paper. "How do you like it?" she cooed. The husband recoiled in horror. "You wear that contraption to church Sunday," he threatened, "and you go alone!"

Des Moines, Iowa, city fathers announce that the city's new dog tags will be shaped like fire plugs. No word as yet about marriage licenses printed on ball-and-chain-patterned paper.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

### THINKING

Real thinkers forget about themselves in thinking.

—Max Wertheimer.

To have doubted one's own first principles, is the mark of a civilized man.

—Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The right thinker abides under the shadow of the Almighty. His thoughts can only reflect peace, good will towards men, health, and holiness.—Mary Baker Eddy.

When men and women agree, it is only in their conclusions; their reasons are always different.

—George Santayana.

There is no expedient to which a man will not resort to avoid the real labor of thinking.

—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

To him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is a perpetual morning.—Henry David Thoreau.

## Alberta irrigated farms have small portion irrigable land

(By W. L. JACOBSON)

Most irrigated farms in Alberta contain less than a quarter-section of irrigable land, and irrigation farmers here must, of necessity, take every possible advantage offered by irrigation in order to increase yields to the maximum and secure the highest possible return per man unit.

It is for this reason that the irrigation farmer needs a well-developed green thumb, to use the language of the gardener, and the green in this instance is essentially a thorough understanding of the balance of the several factors in soil, plant, and water relationships that determine growth and ultimate yield as well as quality of crops.

Moisture may be regarded as the central factor in plant growth, but moisture alone is not enough since soil fertility usually becomes the limiting factor as adequate moisture is supplied through irrigation. The fact is that ultimate success in irrigation can be achieved only where all factors of plant growth are brought into balance, and soil fertility requires special emphasis in irrigation farming.

The two essential elements that are normally deficient in the irrigation soils of this region are phosphorus and nitrogen. As a result, ammonium phosphate and various nitrogen fertilizers are being used on many irrigation farms, and the use of these chemical fertilizers is likely to increase as irrigation farmers gain in experience and their farming methods become more intensive.

However, chemical fertilizers alone have not given maximum yields even under optimum moisture conditions. Studies here indicate that the so-called soil improvement crops fill an important role in maintaining high levels of productivity under irrigation, not only in terms of total yields but also in quality of crops.

Results of five years of irrigation studies at Taber show that yields were nearly doubled in rotations where crops consisted of 50 percent legumes, while quality was maintained or greatly improved.

The tendency of the dryland

## Outdoor meals fun for the whole family

Out-door meals are fun for the whole family, even for mother if she plans wisely. Get the whole family to share in the fun by each taking one responsibility.

If there are sandwiches to make at home, you can be clever by making them with frozen slices of bread.

Bread is easier to spread when frozen than when soft and crumbly. The chill from frozen slices put together in closely wrapped sandwiches keeps the filling in between fresh—even keeps lettuce crisp for several hours. That chill also helps keep other foods in the lunch box cold. Then, when the slices thaw, they have the characteristics of fresh bread. All in all, it may be considered a "cool" idea for hot weather.

Frozen sliced loaves are especially convenient because the slices separate readily without thawing and may be used frozen not only for sandwiches but also for toasting. A frozen loaf thaws in 3 to 4 hours at room temperature. Frozen slices thaw more quickly.

## SMILE OF THE WEEK

First Neighbor: "How did that naughty little boy of yours get hurt?"

Second Neighbor: "That good little boy of yours hit him with a brick."

farmer, turned irrigator, is to persist in growing grain and in the use of summerfallow. However, summerfallowing cannot be regarded as a substitute for soil improvement crops in maintaining yields and quality under irrigation.

With intertilled crops, pastures, and chemical weed control available, summerfallow should no longer be necessary to control weeds under irrigation. The 100,000 acres or more of irrigated land now summerfallowed each year in this region are neither agriculturally nor economically sound.

More and more of this acreage needs to be converted to legumes and other soil improvement crops in order to secure the necessary balance of factors controlling crop production under irrigation. It is only in this way that irrigation farmers operating on the smaller units can hope to increase production to the point required for a satisfactory standard of living.

## Eight years for new pig breed

The work, time, study and money represented by eight years and over 3,000 discarded pigs is impressive. These figures are some cold facts that lie behind exciting announcement of a new breed of pigs at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lacombe. Over 3,000 of the animals had to be discarded as the scientists of Lacombe found the animals genetically unsuitable because of poor type and quality, says Alex J. Charnetaki, Alberta's Livestock Supervisor.

As with new varieties of grain, the new livestock projects will bring added millions of dollars into the pockets of Canadian farmers. This will be done by releasing for breeding purposes strains of animals which have been proved superior. Until such time as a breed is finally proved superior for the purpose it was meant, it is not released. In this way, farmers are protected from strains and breeds of farm animals which have been found to be of low economic value.

Mr. Charnetaki points out that pigs unsuitable for production of highest quality meat products for domestic or export purposes are discarded.

The alert farmer who studies the market demand is a very cautious farmer when buying his pigs. Mr. Charnetaki advises that many farmers are well aware of the increasing demand for quality hogs and as a result are more careful in their selection; others, continues Mr. Charnetaki, should exercise greater care in buying breeding stock.

The figures reveal the folly of an individual trying to produce a "newbreed" of swine. Unless a man can employ trained geneticists and risk spending hundreds of thousands of dollars he will not be successful at raising a reliable money producing new breed. All he is likely to do successfully is dupe his fellow farmers for awhile.

# MACDONALD'S BRIER

Canada's Standard Smoke

—By Chuck Thurston



## Home Workshop

STEP TABLE

PATTERN 439

The piece sketched above was created for use in a small living room where there was a great deal of everyday living. The family's needs required space for a few books as well as those little things of daily usage. The best wood that could be afforded was 3/4-inch plywood. This job was strictly utility. Yet the design could be in the heirloom class if made carefully from solid stock in one of the fine grained cabinet quality woods. The curves and all irregular shapes are traced from the pattern to the wood ready for sawing. Copy of pattern 439 will be mailed for 35 cents.

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PATTERN 200

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WASHINGTON.—A radar-equipped automobile said to stop automatically when something gets in its way has excited enthusiasm from Representative Louis Rabaut (Dem., Mich.).

Rabaut described for the congressional record the mechanism devised by Carl Rashid, Detroit safety engineer.

The car has a radar screen directly below the grillwork, several inches high and extending the width of the automobile. This projects an impulse, he said, "that is guaranteed to halt the car should anyone or anything get in its path."

There is a similar apparatus on the rear of the car to prevent injuring pedestrians or property while the car is moving in reverse. Rabaut said: "If you are approaching an object at a high speed, the radar is reducing car speed before you, the driver, are actually aware of impending danger. The car will then, if not manually halted, stop before striking the object."

## Superstitious

WINNSBORO, La.—Hub Dear believes crows are superstitious. This, says Dear, makes them a cinch to keep out of watermelon patches. Just drive stakes at intervals through the patch and stretch string from stake to stake. "Thinking the string is some kind of trap, he will not light in the patch where the string is placed," said Dear. "The crow is a smart bird but he is also very superstitious."

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## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## Homewrecker Night

—By CHARLES DORIAN

NELLIE NORTY had blue eyes and red hair and a peach of a disposition and she loved playing bridge.

Stephen Southy had brown eyes and black curly hair. He had a shy temperament—and he hated playing bridge.

Yet these people were very much in love.

Stephen's father wanted the boy, who was only 20, to go into politics because he was a good student of political economy, and forget the idea of marriage for at least two years. Stephen wanted to get married at once. He had a good job and Nellie could cook, so why not?

"Stephen," Nellie reminded him, "when we are married we will have to play bridge now and then, so I wish you would buckle down and learn the game. Everybody plays."

"Everybody?" he questioned. "I've seen some play at it and even in my poor opinion they make an awful mess of it. Now,

I wouldn't think of having you read the stuff I like to read, so, if you like cards so much, you could go and play 'em while I sit home and smoke my pipe and enjoy my reading."

"But that sort of divides the family," she reasoned. "I'd like to have you with me when I go places. And bridge is interesting—very interesting, when you learn the fine points."

"Well," he surrendered, "Perhaps if I do not succumb to it as a habit, I'll be well advised to learn something about those fine points. And then, of course, the neighbors might like to have a game now and then." In a short time he was studying various sequences and finding the game very intriguing.

And Nellie persuaded him to enter the Homewrecker's Bridge Tournament, sponsored by the Business Men's Association of Cardville.

The rules of the tournament demanded that wives play with husbands, and fiancés with fiancées, with the avowed object of testing their tempers.

Any player, who by any sign or word, betrayed a rising temper was to be fined one dollar. The Association members had a committee to circulate around the tables to keep tab on all facial and labial expressions.

The Association assumed all expenses as an advertising venture and the prizes were liberal. Twenty-five dollars to the pair having the highest score; five dollars for the lowest.

In addition to these prizes \$100 was offered to the first couple bidding and making a grand slam in no-trump. The committee felt quite safe in making this offer, which they called the Joker prize, because from past experiences such a contract was muffed more often than it was fulfilled.

Nellie was thrilled. If anybody could use that hundred dollars, she could. With the rising cost of trousseau habiliments she had already exceeded her budget. Stephen was apathetic. He could do with the money, too, but he knew he would fizzle a slam hand if he had one.

It was a gay and friendly party. Fifty tables were in play and tempers were subdued up to the third round. Then one poor fellow got into a 7 no-trump contract and went down two tricks. His wife bawled at him and for him and hubby had to dig down for a dollar as her penalty. This produced much good-natured kidding in which the pair participated—postponing final hostilities until they went home.

Things were not going very well with Nellie and Stephen. At the last table they were seated against Stephen's father and mother. Nellie layed superbly as usual, making the best of poor cards by clever finessing. Stephen would be glad when the thing was over because of nervous tension.

He picked up the cards to deal the last hand with a sigh of relief. His eyes opened wide as he glanced over his holdings. Excitedly he chirped "seven no-trump!"

"Eh?" gasped his dad. Nellie laughed. Mr. Southy groaned.

Dad doubled because his holdings included the K-Q hearts and K-Q clubs, and over his face spread a broad grin. He remarked, generously expanding his massive chest:

"Well, my boy, if your side makes this contract I'll add another hundred dollars to the prize, and you may get married as soon as you like."

Stephen was looking at his cards and breathing heavily. His face turned ashy. He clutched at his throat desperately. Nellie thought he had taken ill. She looked alarmed but forced a smile because two kibitzers were hovering near. His mother exclaimed:

"Stephen, son—what is it? Are you ill?"

"I'm all—" he choked, "all right." He looked across at Nellie and shook his head ruefully. He had made a terrible blunder. His hand contained thirteen Spades.

Dad toyed for a minute with a decision of what to lead. At last he played the king of hearts.

"Thank heaven," breathed Mrs. Southy when Nellie dropped it with the ace. Mrs. Southy was all for the marriage. When Nellie's hand was spread in dummy it showed the ace of clubs single along with the single ace of hearts just played—and even diamonds to the ace-king-queen! Nellie was wildly embraced by Mrs. Southy and even Mr. Southy seemed pleased.

When the kibitzers vanished he whispered to Stephen:

"You'll have to teach your bride some of the fine points of this game. When you bid seven no-trump she must have known that you held the ace of spades. With her holding she should have Re-

DOUBLED."



**FREEDOM FROM PREVENTABLE DISEASE**—an objective of the World Health Organization and of every Canadian health department—is the right of every child. National Immunization Week will be observed September 25 to October 1. This event, sponsored by the Health League of Canada in support of the health departments, is intended to remind parents of children's rights to protection. Families in areas not having immunization services may write to their provincial health department.

## Scores of housewives have gone into the chinchilla business

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK.—More women own chinchillas on the hoof than possess the fur coat of the same name. No other precious fur bearing animal can claim that distinction.

A mink would never make out as a household companion, for instance. Nice and soft as he looks

in a coat, the mink is pretty disagreeable in person.

But the chinchilla's good disposition and tidy habits are writing a new chapter in the unique development of a fashion built on snob appeal.

A generation ago only a half a dozen women in the entire world owned coats of pearly-grey chinchilla fur. A full length coat was worth around \$80,000.

Now scores of housewives have chinchillas in the basement, or the garage, or the spare bedroom. The world's most precious fur suddenly has threatened to develop a neighborly, homegrown personality.

It would seem, at first glance, that the resourcefulness of American women might transform chinchilla to an everyday fashion practically anybody could afford—or grow.

But there's a catch.

Sell to ranchers

"Most people when they first think about chinchillas, they make the big mistake of thinking about fur coats," said Leonard Richman, a former appliance salesman who now is an executive of a New Jersey chinchilla ranch.

"About 85 percent of our breeders are women, usually housewives looking for extra income," Richman, whose wife owns a mink coat, continued. "But we tell them to remember they will be breeding chinchillas to sell to other breeders or ranchers—not for a fur coat."

A customer writes or stops by a ranch like Richman's and picks out a pair of chinchillas for a hefty price (top quality, \$1,200 a pair), and then takes them home to await the first offspring. Prices vary widely for the animals or the pelts depending on quality.

Since it takes 168 skins to make a full length coat, dealers in pelts obviously work with large ranchers and not individuals with two or three chinchillas to sell.

The most likely result of this female ingenuity will be a slight boost in the overall chinchilla supply, which means that breeders can work faster developing better strains and perhaps even new colors.

A spokesman for the chinchilla fur industry admitted that this unprecedented interest among amateurs in raising fur-coat bearing animals was not making any drastic changes in the industry's plans.

"There were 126 chinchilla wraps sold in one 12-month period recently," the spokesman said. "And I know of only two full length coats in that group. They sell for \$40,000 now."

The speed of sound is about 750 miles an hour at sea level.

## Operates pheasant game farm inside penitentiary walls

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.—The inscription on the aluminum bands says: "Notify Game Farm, P.A. Pen", a Canadian Press story reveals.

It was scratched on 200 bands by a prisoner in Prince Albert penitentiary and today 200 pheasants are flying about north Saskatchewan wearing the identification pieces. The game farm is his.

He is known "outside" only as Jimmy. If there is an open season on pheasants in North Saskatchewan in the next few years, the thanks of the sportsmen must go to Jimmy.

William Carroll, secretary of the Prince Albert Fish and Game League, told in an interview how Jimmy had helped the league's pheasant conservation project.

"Jimmy became interested in raising pheasants in 1954," said Mr. Carroll. "Warden C. C. Coutts gave permission for Jimmy to go ahead."

The Saskatchewan Fish and Game League game farm south of Saskatoon gave Jimmy two dozen birds, six weeks old, and from these he wintered 10 birds.

"In the meantime, we had become dissatisfied with our pheasant scheme," said Mr. Carroll. "Ernie Beggs had released some birds in the Prince Albert and Buckland rural municipalities, but predators got most of them. We weren't making much progress and a league meeting was called early this spring to review the project."

It was decided to establish a breeding farm.

"That meant a lot of work and a lot of time which most of us could not spare," said Mr. Carroll. "Then J. C. McKubbin, a guard at the penitentiary, spoke to Ernie Beggs about Jimmy and his birds."

Jimmy became a prime mover in the pheasant conservation project. The league promised 200

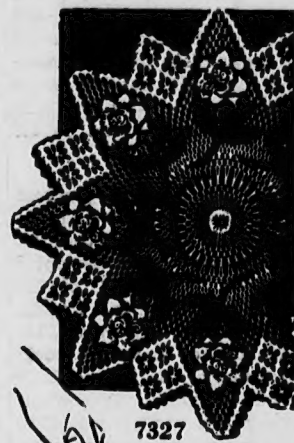
birds, feed, and a brooder.

Jimmy did all the work himself. He enlarged the pens, built runways, set up the wiring. Wiring is a special problem and the league set aside \$100 to provide extra wire for the pens. But Jimmy scrounged the extra wire and saved the league its \$100. Jimmy now has an additional 100 birds.

Before birds are released they are banded with a regulation aluminum band typed "Notify game farm, Saskatoon, Sask." Jimmy asked if the inscription couldn't be changed to "P.A. Pen." "We couldn't change the dies for 300 bands," said Mr. Carroll, "so Jimmy went to work on his own and each night scratched the words 'P.A. Pen' on each band."

## Patterns

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## Right diet, don't over-eat, lose weight

TORONTO.—Dieting is neither difficult nor unpleasant if the quantity of food eaten is reduced, without changing the variety or quality, according to an article in the current issue of "Health", official publication of the Health League of Canada.

On the question of overweight, and how much reducing is advisable, a doctor's advice should be sought, the article says.

Most common causes of overweight are incorrect or poor food habits, usually characterized by plain over-eating. But a balanced diet requires normal daily amounts of the basic foods such as meat, fish or poultry, eggs, cheese, milk, whole grain or enriched white bread, butter or margarine, whole grain cereals, vegetables and fruit.

"If one must cut down on the basic foods, then cut down carefully on everything," says the article. "Although every common food contains some potential calories, no single food should be regarded as 'fattening' or high caloric. It's the amount of food you eat that determines how 'fattening' or caloric it becomes."

Most northerly cathedral in the world is the Anglican All Saints' Cathedral at Aklavik, N.W.T.

## Date-Orange Pudding

Combine in a greased casserole (6-cup size)  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. corn syrup, 1 tbs. grated lemon rind and  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. orange juice. Preheat oven to 375° (moderately hot). Mix and sift once, then sift into a bowl,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  c. once-sifted pastry flour (or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  c. once-sifted all-purpose flour),  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tps. Magic Baking Powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt and  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. fine granulated sugar. Mix in  $\frac{3}{4}$  c. corn flakes, slightly crushed, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. cut-up pitted dates. Combine 1 well-beaten egg,  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. vanilla and 3 tbs. shortening, melted. Make a well in dry ingredients and add liquids; mix lightly. Turn into prepared dish. Bake in preheated oven, about 40 minutes. Serve warm, with pouring cream. Yield—6 servings.



Always Dependable

—By Les Carroll

## Funny and Otherwise

Little Bobby had said a very bad word and was sent to bed without supper. When his daddy arrived home and asked where his son was, he was given the full story.

"Swearing, at his age!" belittled the angry father. "I'll teach him to swear!" With that he dashed up the stairs, stubbed his toe, stumbled and crashed his chin on the first step. After the atmosphere had cleared, Bobby's mother said sweetly, "No more now, dear. You've given him enough for one lesson."

Two sweet young things were discussing affairs of the heart.

"So you've accepted Tom?" said one acidly. "I suppose he didn't happen to mention that he had previously proposed to me?"

"Well, not exactly," replied the other blandly; "but he did confess that he'd done a lot of silly things before he met me."

Report from a country newspaper on a local romance:

"... and the couple were married last Thursday, thus ending a friendship which began in their schooldays."

"How about lending me threepence for my bus fare home?"

"I've only got half a crown."

"That'll do, I'll take a taxi."

## RACCOON IS DUNKER

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## THE TILLERS





## Town And District

Mr. and Mrs. Tom James of Calgary spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mrs. H. James.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Morrison are spending their holidays in the mountains.

Mrs. Laura Henry of Lethbridge, and Mrs. Florence Brown of Arrowwood visited friends and relatives in Gleichen last Friday. Mrs. Henry teaches school out of Bow Island.

Mrs. Colin Busby and two children left Monday for their home at Arvida, Quebec. They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Busby for the past five or six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Riddell and two boys of Calgary spent the weekend visiting relatives and friends in town.

Jackie Fontaine had the misfortune to have his car almost completely wrecked last Wednesday afternoon. He was behind the wheel while his car was being towed to Calgary. Something went wrong with the steering mechanism and the car took the ditch and turned upside down. The top was completely flattened out but Jackie escaped serious injury and only suffered a minor bruise on his right leg.

Young Billy was having prunes for his supper and was finally coaxed into eating all but two. But there he stopped and attempted bribe after bribe could not induce him to go further. Finally, as a clinching argument, his mother explained that God would be very angry. But young Billy remained unmoved. Triumphant if disgraced, he was hurried off to bed. Later a terrific storm broke out and, fearful that the erring boy would be terrified, his mother stole into the his darkened room. There was young Billy standing at the window untroubled by the flashing fury without. Between crashes of thunder the mother heard him speaking and forgetting her own nervousness, she tiptoed behind him. He was muttering in disgust: "Such a fuss—over two prunes."

There are an estimated 951,000 horses on Canadian farms. This compares with a peak of 2,051,000 back in 1921.

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## Health of School

surely less significant that children should be taught at school how many teeth they have, and their names, than they should learn to brush them daily and eat proper foods to build and preserve them.

It is evident that the health of children calls for a combined operation in which school and home and community participate. In a very real sense, the limits of school health are the boundaries of the community, not the fence around the school yard.

Health education begins with pre-natal education and care, and continues with the sanitation of the community, the home hygiene of the pre-school child, the training of the adolescent in school, and the graduation of the student with sound knowledge upon which to base his own treatment of his own children. This is not a program to be floated upon sentimental propaganda in fits and starts, but one to be laid out on a basis of facts found by trained investigators and carried out by technically qualified personnel.

There is needed, obviously, a new effort to win close co-operation between teachers, members of the school health service and parents. The best kind of youngsters cannot be raised by guess and by hearsay. Good will and good intentions cannot be substituted for expert skills and knowledge. Some of the required knowledge can be had for the asking.

The penalty of neglect of health in childhood is very heavy. An old saying is "All through the life of a feeble-bodied man his path lined with memory's gravestones which mark the spots where noble enterprises for lack of physical vigor to embody them in deeds."

Those who take office on school

boards have a special responsibility to appreciate their opportunity to improve the health of coming generations and to that end to provide all practicable facilities for teaching and practicing health in schools of today.

There are problems of personnel and equipment and funds, but these should not be allowed to baffle people of good will and good sense. The objective is well worth striving for.

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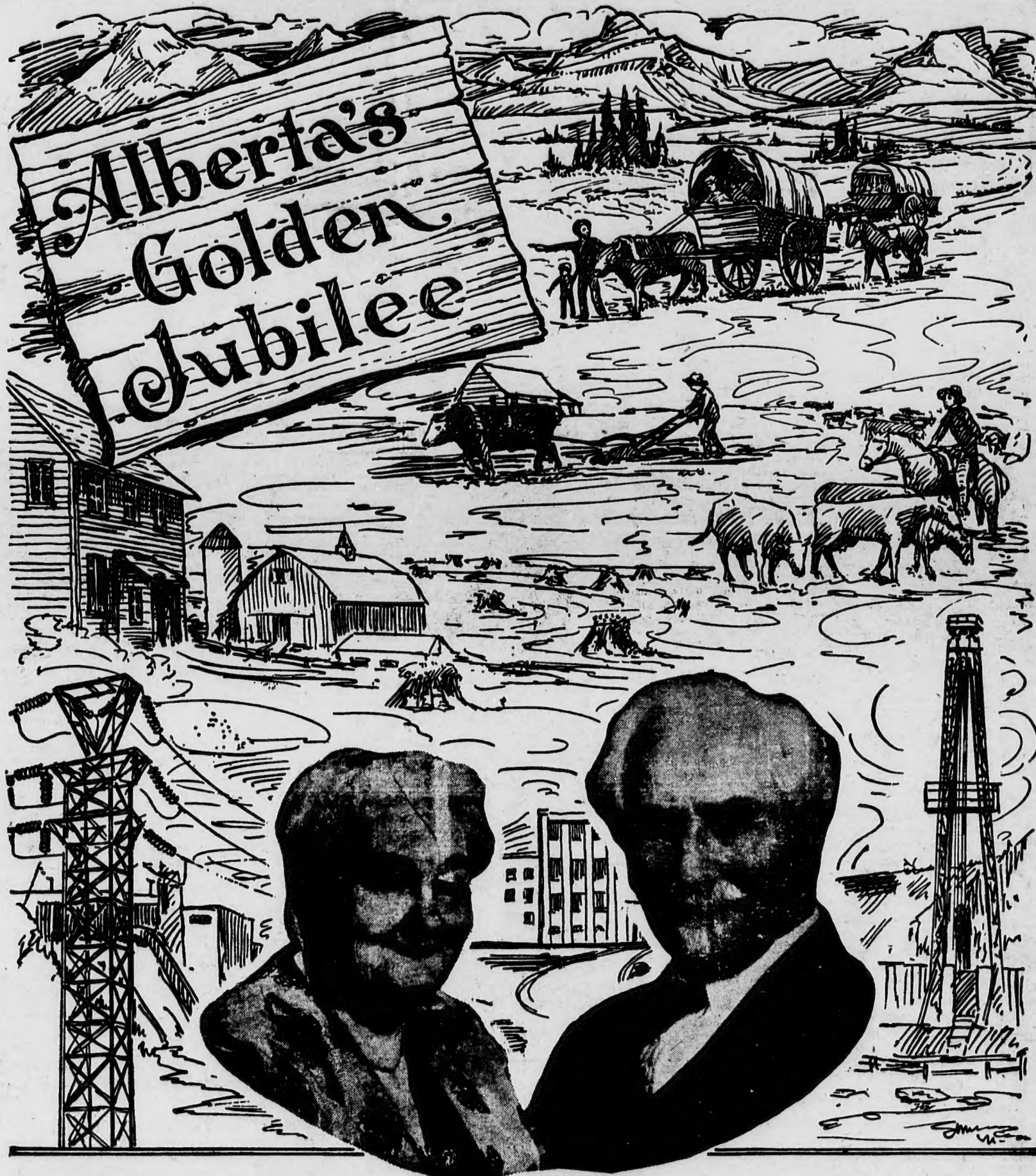
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